

# **Milestone Series**

## **Purity Covenant, Choices**

### **Single Message**

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**“Scripture quotations taken from the Amplified Bible.”**

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My Faith for Provision Works All the Time

A. Galatians 6:9: “Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”

1. AMP: “Let us not lose heart and grow weary and faint in acting nobly and doing right, for in due time and at the appointed season we shall reap, if we do not loosen and relax our courage and faint.”

3. Many ask the same question: “Why isn’t it working for me?”

4. When they tithe and sow and don’t see results, they get discouraged, and wonder why it doesn’t work.

5. They don’t realize that their harvest is right around the faith corner.

B. Hebrews 10:23, 35-36: We Must Stand Firm in Faith Until We See the Results

1. Verse 23: "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised)."  
a. AMP: "So let us seize and hold fast and retain without wavering the hope we cherish and confess and our acknowledgement of it, for He Who promised is reliable (sure) and faithful to His word."

## **Message**

# **Knowing Scripture can save your life - in more ways than one**

### **LOT 'S WIFE**

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, 'My Mommy looked back once while she was driving,' he announced triumphantly, 'and she turned into a telephone pole!'

### **GOOD SAMARITAN**

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class, 'If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?'

A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, 'I think I'd throw up.'

## **MESSAGE:**

Can I have three volunteers.

I have 3 plates of delicious brownies on the table here. But, there is a catch. One batch, has arsenic in it, another has 1 teaspoon of dog poo in it and the last is completely clean.

Now I am going to ask each of you to choose which plate of brownies you want to take from. Stand behind the plate you think is the one you would like.

Choices!

Some can kill us, others can make us sick, others can bless us. Which one are you going to choose?

Now I am going to ask you to turn around. Mix the plates up and put the labels in front again.

Now I am going to ask the congregation to guide you into the right choice.

### **Psalm 119:105**

Amplified Bible (AMP)

**105** Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Keeping pure is not a decision made once and then forgotten about. It is something that is firmly planted into the character of an individual.

The choice is not only to have purity, but to unconditionally challenge evil every time it raises its head.

How do we get to a point to where there is zero compromise, not even a discussion with myself about evil or good?

### **Romans 6:11**

Amplified Bible (AMP)

**11** Even so consider yourselves also dead to sin *and* your relation to it broken, **but alive to God** [living in unbroken fellowship with Him] in Christ Jesus.

### **UNTIMELY ANSWERED PRAYER**

During the minister's prayer one Sunday, there was a loud whistle from one of the back pews. Tommy's mother was horrified. She pinched him into silence and, after church, asked, 'Tommy, whatever made you do such a thing?'

Tommy answered soberly, 'I asked God to teach me to whistle, and He did!'

### **UNANSWERED PRAYER**

The preacher's 5 year-old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day, she asked him why.

'Well, Honey,' he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages. 'I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon.'

'How come He doesn't answer it?' she asked.

Sometimes in life when the rest of the world is making the culture as they go along, we have to make a stand for righteousness.

### **Exodus 32:26**

Amplified Bible (AMP)

**26** Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Whoever is on the Lord's side, let him come to me. And all the Levites [the priestly tribe] gathered together to him.

God's word is the way to live, the choices we have in this life can take us to life or death. God's word gives us clear understandings on how we are to live.

### **Deuteronomy 30:19**

Amplified Bible (AMP)

**19** I call heaven and earth to witness this day against you that I have set before you life and death, the blessings and the curses; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live.

How many times do we have reason to compromise?

How many compromises are there in life?

What is your choice?

Let's see what Joshua's response to compromise was.

### **Joshua 24:15**

Amplified Bible (AMP)

**15** And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

A man or woman that God accepts, is not the one that has all the religion, not the one that looks like they are a Christian, not the one that has all the right words to say or even the ability to quote scriptures. **BUT THOSE WHO HAVE CLEAN HANDS AND A PURE HEART.**

### **Psalm 24:3-4**

Amplified Bible (AMP)

**3** Who shall go up into the mountain of the Lord? Or who shall stand in His Holy Place?

**4** He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted himself up to falsehood *or* to what is false, nor sworn deceitfully.

Conclusion:

### **2 Peter 3:14**

Amplified Bible (AMP)

**14** So, beloved, since you are expecting these things, be eager to be found by Him [at His coming] without spot or blemish and at peace [in serene confidence, free from fears and agitating passions and moral conflicts].

**Altar call**

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